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Sir:

Upon granting of the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), entry and formal consideration therefor of this IDS, which is authorized under 37 CFR §1.114(c), is respectfully requested.

Applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith a copy as well as a listing therefor in Form PTO/SB/08A of U.S. Patent 5,963,794, for the USPTO's consideration and in keeping with the duty of disclosure requirements.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed as part of a Submission under 37 CFR §1.114, and, therefore, meets the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b)(4). Acceptance and formal entry therefor of this submission, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114, along with an acknowledgement of such entry as well as formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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